

In the claims:

1-9 (Previously Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A non-directional detonating cord retention device for use with loops of detonating cord in a packaging system, said device comprising;

a molded polymeric block having at least four sides, said block defined by integrally connected base and lid segments, a living hinge defined along one side of said block and latching means at an opposite side, said segments when closed on one another defining a blast channel open to said one and said opposed sides of said block ~~other than said hinge defining and latch defining sides thereof~~, said segments when open defining slots for receiving end portions of ~~[[a]]~~ detonating cord ~~[[loop]]~~ loops, and said slots when closed orienting the loop end portions in said channel, so that the loop end portions are exposed to one another and to said open ends of said channel, said slots oriented transversally to said open channel, but communicating therewith and said slots being open to sides of said block other than hinge defining and latching sides thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 10 wherein said slots are angled inwardly toward one another to minimize the spacing between the loop end portions of the detonating cord in said channel ~~[[and]]~~ so that the ~~[[loop]]~~ detonating cord loops radiate~~[[s]]~~ outwardly away from the device.

12. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 10 further characterized by support panels for accommodating a plurality of detonating cord loops, and a

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plurality of said devices arranged along a line to accommodate the detonation cord loops so that the loops extend outwardly from said line, said panels being assembled so as to accommodate the loops of detonating cord in a stack of support panels for transportation of detonating cord.